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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of October 12, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 18 to 33, all other claims having been cancelled.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 18, 20, 22, 24 to 27 and 29 drawn to treating non-menopausal women with normegestrol and claims 19, 21, 23, 28 and 30 drawn to treating menopausal women with normegestrol.

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Applicants elect the invention of claims 18, 20, 22, 24 to 27 and 29 directed to the treatment of non-menopausal women and reserve the right to file a divisional application climinated to the non-elected invention.

Since the first office action was merely a restriction requirement, Applicants request a prompt examination on the merit.

Respectfully submitted,

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